

PRESS RELEASE

Riverside Superior Court Outreaches to Local Educators

“Teach-The-Teachers” Programs to be held in Indio and Riverside Court Facilities

Riverside — Riverside Superior Court, in collaboration with the Riverside County and Desert Bar Associations, will host two “Teach-The-Teachers” Programs on Tuesday, October 8, 2002, and Wednesday, October 9, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Larson Justice Center and Downtown Riverside Courthouses. The Teach-The-Teachers Program is a daylong event that seeks to enhance local high school teachers’ knowledge of the justice system and provide them with the practical knowledge about the courts from individuals who work in that system. The Court believes that this program has the potential to positively impact the attitudes, perceptions and actions of local educators and school systems with regards to the justice system and the local courts.

The Teach-The-Teachers Program was developed in September 2001 by Hon. Douglas P. Miller, Assistant Presiding Judge, who collaborated with the Desert Bar to initiate a pilot program in Riverside County’s Desert Region. This program targeted the teachers of twelfth-grade government courses and provided members of the legal profession and local educators with the unique opportunity to come together for a daylong educational forum. This year, the teachers will hear from judges, attorneys, and other educators about the court and its processes and recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions; and, the teachers will also be able to observe several courtrooms in session. In conjunction with this program, the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department has arranged for a tour of the Robert Presley Detention Center for those teachers participating in the Teach-The-Teacher Program.

The Court plans to expand this program to the entire county within a year. The bar and the Court’s ultimate goal is to expand this outreach effort so that it includes every school district in the county.